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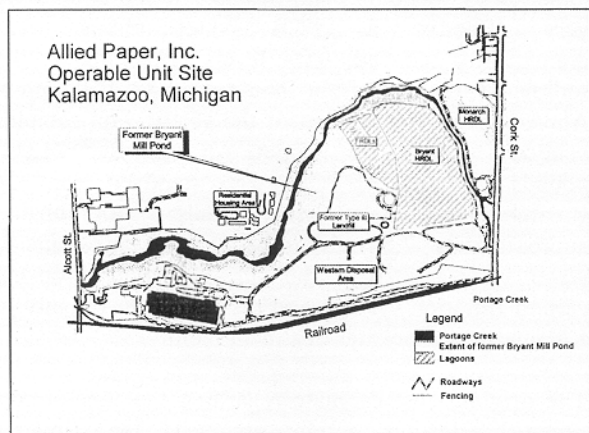
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# ALLIED PAPER, INC./PORTAGE CREEK/KALAMAZOO RIVER SUPERFUND SITE

Allied Paper Operable Unit 1 Kalamazoo, Michigan

## *Time Critical Removal Was An Outstanding Success!*

This information bulletin provides update information on the time-critical removal cleanup action being conducted at the Allied Paper Operable Unit 1 (OU1) in Kalamazoo, Michigan.



**Figure 1: Map of Allied Paper Operable Unit 1**

The 71-acre site is adjacent to residential and commercial areas along Portage Creek and is approximately three miles upstream of its confluence with the Kalamazoo River. The site is bounded by Cork Street to the south, Alcott Street to the north, a Conrail Railroad line to the west, and by

residential/commercial properties on the east. The time-critical removal cleanup action at Allied OU1 has removed polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) contaminated paper residuals (residuals), sediments, and soils from the former Bryant Mill Pond area and Portage Creek. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have determined that the cleanup is necessary to eliminate the imminent and substantial endangerment to public health and the environment. The Bryant Mill Pond is the most upstream source of PCB-contamination to the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund site. Analytical results obtained from samples of floodplain material indicated that PCB concentrations as high as 1,000 parts per million (ppm) were present prior to the removal action.

In spring of 1997, the MDEQ requested that the EPA assist them in performing an emergency removal of the PCB contamination in the former Bryant Mill Pond area and Portage Creek. Numerous emergency removal requests also came from local citizens, environmental groups, the city of Kalamazoo, and Kalamazoo County. The EPA discussed the needed removal action with the Allied Paper, Inc./Millennium Holdings (Allied) in the fall of 1997. However, Allied

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